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Layton Man Pleads Guilty in Real Estate Investment Fraud Case

Britt must pay \$211,979 in restitution to victims ...

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Glenn Allen Britt, of Layton, pleaded guilty today to a third degree felony charge of securities fraud, in a case prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's office. Britt must pay \$211,979.49 in restitution to six investors. The judge put Britt on probation, rather than sending him to prison, so he can make restitution payments. Other felony charges were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

The story started when Britt and others held seminars in Davis and Weber Counties at which they sold promissory notes issued by Cantamar and another company called Commercial Lending Group (CLG). Between 2001 and 2003, Cantamar and Britt collected \$384,794 from at least eight investors, giving promissory notes in return. Investors were told that Cantamar and CLG were hard money lenders that catered to builders working on large construction projects. They were promised interest rates ranging from 18 to 60% interest and were told the loans were backed by real estate. Some of the victims were neighbors of Britt.

In July 2004, the Attorney General filed criminal charges against Britt and two others for selling CLG notes in violation of the securities laws. Britt entered a guilty plea in March 2005 as part of a plea in abeyance. After the conclusion of that criminal case, the Division of Securities discovered that there were six additional investors in CLG and Cantamar which had not been disclosed by Britt as part of his original plea. In October 2006, the Attorney General's office filed a second criminal action relating to those additional six investors.

\$10,800 in restitution has already been paid to victims in the earlier case. As part of the plea agreement, Britt must pay \$211,979 in restitution. \$40,538 of that amount must be paid within three years or his probation will be revoked and he will be sent to prison. Britt has agreed to sell his home and use the proceeds to begin making restitution payments.

The Utah Division of Securities separately brought administrative proceedings in January 2007 against The Cantamar LLC, Glenn Allen Britt, and Mauro E. Lobato, Jr. Those administrative proceedings are still pending.